

# Stock Prices Rise Sharply; Market Active

**Impelling Motive Comes From Within; Short Are Buyers on Advance; Sales Over a Million**

Without fresh stimulus from a development outside, a new buying force swept across the marketplace yesterday and carried securities notably higher in a session of heightened activity. The impelling motive for the rise came from within and was associated with the technique of the market. Much of the strength originated from the efforts of shorts, frightened particularly by the quick rise of Studebaker, to cover their commitments. But, despite this, yesterday's was one of the least professional markets in weeks. The spectacle of rising prices, as is its ancient custom, attracted a larger number of outsiders to the exchange, and commission houses reported a marked increase in business.

Transactions exceeded a million shares for the first time since March 23. Yesterday 1,116,800 shares changed hands compared with 694,000 the previous day, which was the largest day of the week up to that time. Narrow fluctuations traditionally repulse amateurs at speculation. With advancing prices a broadening of activity is usually associated.

The persistent ease of money this week at the call loan desk was in the background of speculative adventurers who were testing further the possibilities for higher prices. The renewal rate was 6 per cent, but later it crept up to 6½ per cent.

Speculators took encouragement from the manner in which security prices in recent days have been responding to new developments. Favorable news has been affecting the market much more than unfavorable. Yet the whole movement yesterday was so intertwined with technical moves, covering by shorts and manipulative operations of pools, that it is hazardous to draw conclusions from the day's fluctuations. The rising market placed Wall Street in a cheerful mood, and bullish conversation prevailed in the district. Despite profit taking in the last hour, industrial stocks closed with substantial gains and rails were firm.

A strong tone prevailed in the grain markets, and cotton prices were steady. In the foreign exchange market German marks recovered sharply, on the indications of a resumption of negotiations regarding reparations. Sterling and the continental exchanges were firm.

## Money and Credit

After opening at 6 per cent the call money rate yesterday advanced to 6½ per cent in the late afternoon. There were no new developments announced to account for the higher rate. It was suggested that some out-of-town banks were again withdrawing funds on deposit here.

**Yesterday Year Ago.**

On mixed collateral.... 6 7  
On industrial collateral.... 6 7  
Time money (mixed collateral):  
Sixty days..... 6½@ 6½  
Ninety days..... 6½@ 7  
Four months..... 6½@ 7  
Bank Clearings—Bank clearings at New York yesterday were: Exchanges, \$538,211,380; balances, \$68,727,093.

Silver—London, 34½¢; New York domestic bar, 99½¢; foreign, 59½¢. Mexican dollars, 45½¢.

**The Dollar in Foreign Exchange**

A strong recovery in German marks featured quiet trading in foreign exchange yesterday. An excellent demand for offerings developed on the sharp break to below 140 cents Thursday, while the quotations yesterday above 14½ cents. The close at 150 cents represented an net advance of 10½ of a cent.

Sterling moved within an extremely narrow range, however, and reminded observers of pre-war days, when fluctuations of as much as ¾ cent were not the exception. At the final quotation of 82.92¢ sterling showed a net advance of ¼ cent.

Frances were in good demand and worked up to 7.3 cents, an advance of about 6 points. Belgian francs and lire were also higher, although fluctuations in the latter were not so sharp as on several previous days.

## EUROPE

**Yester- Day Previous Year Ago.**

Great Britain (par 18½ cents a franc) 5.95% 5.92% 5.88%  
Demand 5.95% 5.92% 5.88%  
60-day bills 5.88% 5.85% 5.88%  
90-day bills 5.86% 5.86% 5.79%  
Par (par 19½ cents a franc) 5.86% 5.86% 5.86%  
Demand 5.86% 5.86% 5.86%  
Cables 7.30 7.65 6.93  
Belgium (par 13 cents a franc) 5.86% 5.86% 5.86%  
Cables 7.30 7.65 6.93  
Switzerland (par 19½ cents a franc) 5.75% 5.75% 5.75%  
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